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THE BLC BUGLE

The Voice of BLC Newsletter



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Message from Headteacher

Hello parents, carers, friends and families. I hope all are well. I am very excited to share our first edition of 'The BLC Bugle' of the school year. The format has slightly changed as we look to make our publication even better!

What a month September has been. The students have started back at school brilliantly and as their new Headteacher, I have been made to feel incredibly welcomed by them and indeed by the parents, carers and community leaders I have spoken to already.

We have seen some excellent achievements in and out of lessons in September, lots of which are here in the BLC Bugle for you to read about.

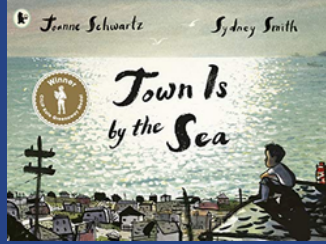
I feel very proud to be experiencing such wonderful things with the children and staff here at Bridge Learning Campus and here's to another month of fantastic work, events and achievements.



Mr McGilloway
Headteacher

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CURRICULUM



Year 5 Writing Enrichment

Year 5 have been basing their writing on *Town Is by the Sea*, a story about a boy growing up in a coal-mining community while his father works deep underground.

To bring their learning to life, Year 5 visited Big Pit in Wales, where they explored the mine, met former miners and learned about the challenging conditions underground. The experience gave them lots of ideas and inspiration for their own descriptive writing.

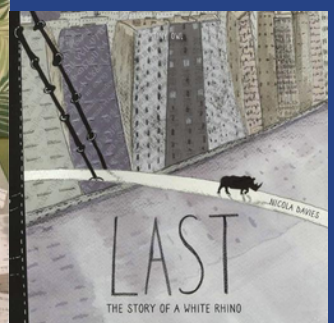


Year 5 Geography

In Geography, Year 5 have been learning all about the River Rhine.

Year 4 English

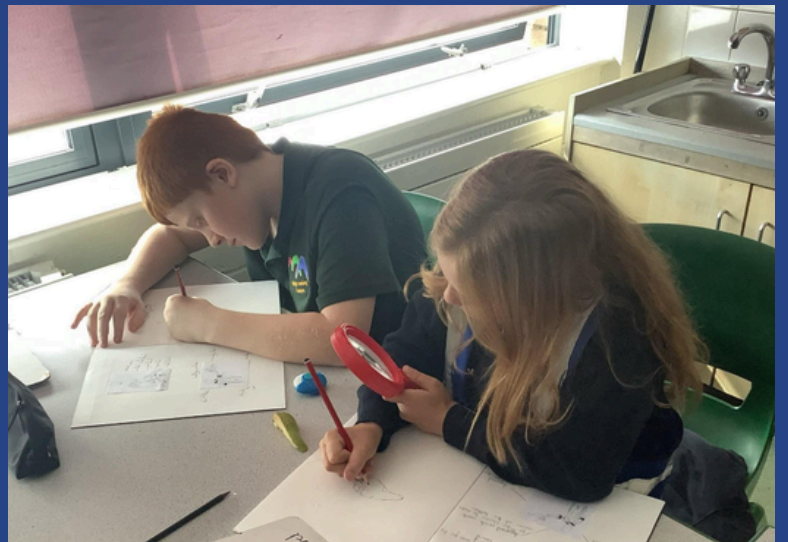
In Year 4, they have been ordering the events of the story. The story they had to order was *Last* by Nicola Davis.



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EYFS AND Reception

We have been delighted to have welcomed new and returning children to EYFS, in both Nursery and Reception. It has been wonderful over the last two weeks seeing the children forming friendships, learning routines and enjoying being in their classes. It has also been a wonderful time getting to know their families through home visits and at drop off and pick up. We are really looking at watching the children develop and progress over the coming days, weeks and terms.



Year 6 Art

Year 6 looked closely at pieces of fruit and started to draw them. They used magnifying glasses to look closely at the detail and thought carefully about the different shading, shadows and marks.



Year 3 Art

In Year 3, they have been learning different techniques of painting.

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Y11 Textiles

In Year 11s textiles lessons they have been looking at nature and producing these lovely works of art.

Extracurricular Clubs

We are pleased to be relaunching our extracurricular clubs offer for Term 1, with a wide range of activities available to students in every year group.

To help your child make the most of these opportunities, you can support them by:

- Looking through the clubs list together and discussing what interests them
- Encouraging them to choose at least one club to try this term
- Talking through practical arrangements, such as how they will get home after an after-school club or who will be collecting them, bearing in mind that evenings will draw in as the term goes on
- Checking in regularly about how they are finding the club and whether they would like to try something new

Club/activity	Day	Location	Time	Staff member
Equalities Council	Wednesday	Drama Studio	Tutor Time (1:35 - 1:55pm)	Mr. Richardson
GCSE (Y11) Science revision	Tuesday	D010	After school (3:20-4:15)	Mr. Ogawa
Homework club	Tuesday	D015	3:20-4:00	Ms. Zuidema
Lego club	Tuesday	D011	3:20 - 4:00	Ms. Hodson
Creative Club	Tuesday Week B	B011	Lunchtime	Ms. Greenhill
D&D Club	Tuesday	D108	3:20 - 4:00	Mr. Stone
Year 11 English Revision	Tuesday	E007	Lunchtime	Ms. Davies
Warhammer Lunch Time	Tuesday	D108	Lunchtime	Mr. Stone
Warhammer Club	Thursday	D108	3:20 - 4:00	Mr. Stone
Band Club	Thursday	F110	3:10 to 4:00	Mr. Davine
LGBTQ	Thursday	Library	3:10-4:00	Ms. Lee
Indoor Ball Sports Club (Dodgeball/Benchball/Volleyball)	Tuesday	Sports Hall	3:10 - 4:00	Ms. Williams
Netball Club	Wednesday	Netball Courts	3:10 - 4:00	Ms. Donald
Year 7/8/9 Rugby Girls + Boys	Thursday	Field	3:10 - 4:00	Mr. Dorney
Spanish revision/homework club	Thursday	E009	Lunchtime	Mr. Pooley
Humanities Revision/ Homework club	Monday	E108	Lunchtime	Ms. Crotty
Library	Monday - Friday	Library	Break time and Lunchtime	Run by various members of staff

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Year 11 Curriculum Information Evening

BLC welcomed year 11 parents/carers to our first ever Year 11 Curriculum Information Evening on 23rd September. During the evening, we outlined what year 11 would be studying and how school and parents/carers can support our year 11 to have a successful year. This is a crucial year for them and a large number of parent/carers attended the evening showing a real united front in our work together to support our students. We would like to thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to seeing you all at our next Year 11 event.

Year 8 Wellbeing and Belonging Trip

Year 8 students recently spent two days at Ashton Court as part of our Wellbeing and Belonging programme. The visit provided a fantastic opportunity for students to strengthen relationships with their tutor groups and tutors while taking part in a range of exciting outdoor activities. Students enjoyed high ropes, axe throwing, archery, and laser quest, challenging themselves both physically and mentally. Throughout the trip, many students demonstrated resilience by overcoming personal fears, supporting one another, and working together as a team. It was a rewarding experience that helped to build confidence, develop friendships, and foster a strong sense of belonging within the Year 8 community.



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COMMUNITY

The I Can & I Am Bus

What a brilliant day for our Year 5s! The I Can & I Am bus rolled onto site and the children had an amazing time on board — making their own pizzas downstairs in the bus's kitchen, then heading upstairs for some really lovely chats about self-belief and what makes them, them.

It's all about the "balloon" — how we keep our confidence topped up by doing things we enjoy, spending time with people who lift us up, and learning that setbacks don't mean we're not good enough.

The children came off that bus buzzing, and it was honestly lovely to watch. Huge thanks to the I Can & I Am team for such a positive morning.

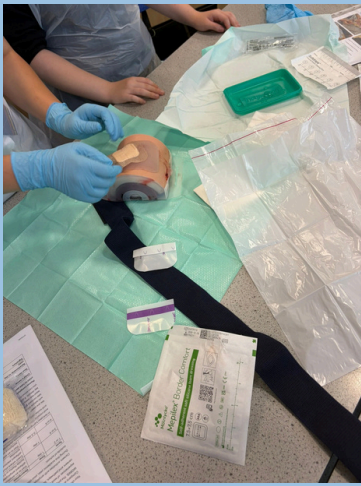
Norbert said..." this is the second best day of my life!" (His first one being his birthday!!)

Bobby said....."this is the best surprise school day ever!"

And all the children so far are begging the team to return again soon.

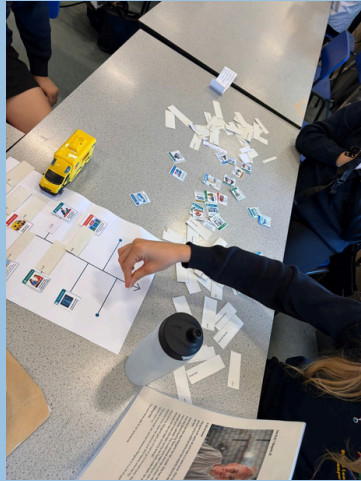


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Year 9 Future Ready

The year 9 students had a workshop with Sirona as a part of their Future Ready programme. They had the opportunity to learn about how much healthcare can cost, if it weren't for the NHS, and the various healthcare occupations. After watching a demonstration from the professionals, the students most enjoyed bandaging each others arms and learning to clean wounds. It was a fantastic workshop for the Year 9s to explore possible future careers.

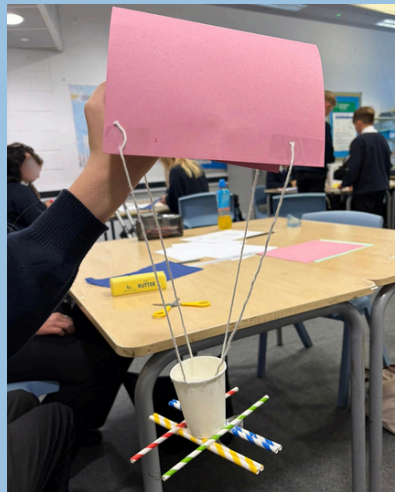


Year 9 have been busy thinking about future careers!

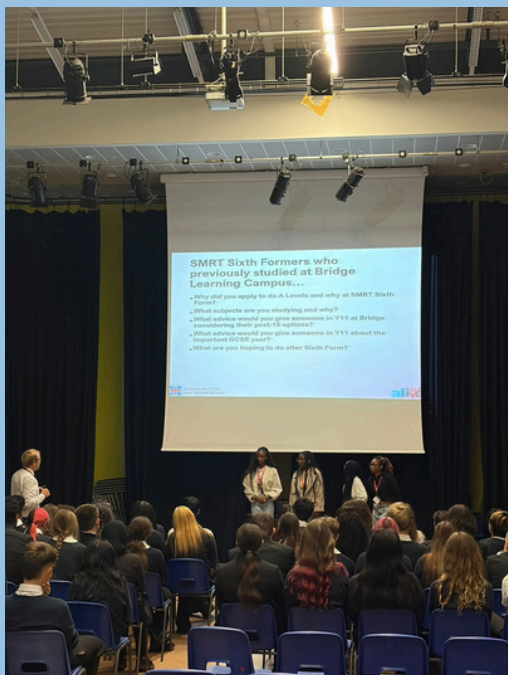
Y9 Careers Day

Year 9 had an exciting day this week when many employers from the local areas came to spend the day with our students.

We had companies like, The Hill Group, Burges Salmon, Enterprise and Airbus do workshops with our students. Students were tasked with designing houses, with The Hill Group, naming logos with Burges Salmon, building a flying device with Airbus and designing brand logos with enterprise. As well as a speed networking workshops with people from government, tech and construction backgrounds.



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Past Students return to BLC

In Year 11s assembly, they heard from previous BLC students who recently went to Sixth Form at St Mary Redcliffe. They gave great incite to the Year 11s about the transition from school to college as well as some top tips on how our current Year 11s can succeed in their GCSEs. It was lovely to see past students students return to the school to pass on their wisdom.

Hartcliffe Withywood Community Celebration

This week a fantastic community celebration was hosted at St Andrews Church as a part of the Pride in Place programme.

The event was to celebrate our community, the people, their stories and our future. The event was attended by the Lord Mayor of Bristol and it was lovely to have their support.

Our KS2 choir put on a wonderful performance, which was loved by all. We are proud of all the student who performed, and thank you to Mr Short for hard work with the Choir.

A big thank you Mrs Hackling and all the volunteers for all the effort you put in to ensure the event was a success.



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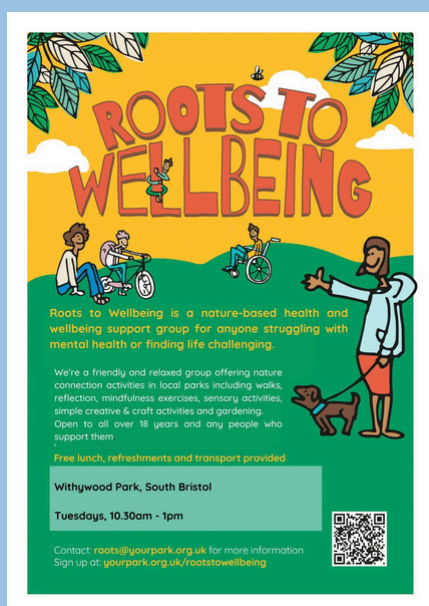


Check out these great community events

Women's Social Group-
Mondays 10am-11am
Hareclive Academy Hub



Stay and Play
Thursdays 10am-11:30am
(Term time Only)
St Andrews Church, Hartcliffe



Roots to Wellbeing
Tuesdays 10:30am-1pm
Withywood Park

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NOTICES

Bridge Learning Campus is looking to grow its governing body and we're keen to hear from people who are passionate about making a difference in our local community as parent governors.

School governors provide strategic support and challenge to school leaders, helping to drive improvement and ensure the best outcomes for pupils.

You don't need to be an education professional – governors come from a wide range of backgrounds and bring valuable skills, experience and fresh perspectives. In return, you'll have the opportunity to make a tangible difference to the lives of children and young people while contributing to the success of your local community.

Joining the governing body is a fantastic opportunity to:

- Make a lasting impact in your local community
- Develop new skills and experience
- Support your child's school

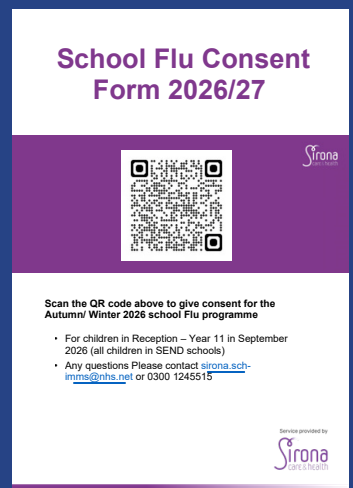
If you're interested in becoming a governor, or would like an informal conversation to find out more, please get in touch via the clerk Jacqui Frederiks Davies, email jfrederiks-davies@blc.school.

Flu Vaccinations

If you would like your child to have the flu nasal spray please complete the online consent form

This will take place on Tuesday 6th of October

Any questions please ask Rachel email rbrown@blc.school



Attendance

"At Bridge Learning Campus, we know that every school day counts. Coming to school regularly helps children feel part of our community, build friendships, grow in confidence, and develop a strong sense of belonging. It also means they can take part in all the learning and opportunities that each day brings.

Attendance can drop more quickly than many people realise. In a typical 60-day term, missing just 3 days reduces attendance to 95%. Missing 6 days reduces attendance to 90%. While a few days may not seem like much, each day missed means lost learning, important classroom discussions, and opportunities to develop new skills. Over time, these missed days can create gaps in learning that become harder to catch up on. By working together to support good attendance, we can help every child feel connected, succeed in their learning, and achieve their full potential because, quite simply, if they attend, they achieve.

If you have concerns regarding your child's attendance, please reach out either their class teacher in primary or tutor in secondary in the first instance"

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Important Dates and Events

Tuesday 6th October- Flu Immunisation Reception- Year 11

Tuesday 13th October- Reception- Year 6 Progression Evening

Wednesday 14th October- Reception- Year 6 Progression Evening

Thursday 15th October- Progression Evening- Emerald Class ONLY

Monday 19th October- Nursey Progression Evening

Friday 23rd October- INSET DAY

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